



DHCD Stakeholder Report

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COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBOs):

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE:

Anacostia Economic Development Corporation
1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE #100
202-889-5100

ARCH Development Corporation
1227 Good Hope Road, SE | 202-365-5586

Congress Heights Training & Development Corporation
3215 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE | 202-563-5201

DC Fashion Foundation
640 10th Street, NE | 202-355-3929

Emory Beacon of Light, Inc.
6203 Piney Branch Road, NW | 202-829-5732

Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
910 17th Street, NW #1150 | 202-728-0352

Latino Economic Development Center
2316 18th Street, NW | 202-540-7408

Washington Area Community Investment Fund
2012 Rhode Island Avenue, NE | 202-529-5505

HOUSING SERVICES:

AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly
601 E Street, NW | 202-434-2171

Central American Resource Center
1460 Columbia Road, NW, #C1 | 202-328-9799

Greater Washington Urban League, Inc.
2901 14th Street NW | (202) 265-8200

Housing Counseling Services, Inc.
2410 17th Street, NW | 202-667-7006

Latino Economic Development Corporation
2316 18th Street, NW | 202-540-7408

Lydia's House, Inc.
4101 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SW | 202-373-1050

Manna, Inc.
828 Evars Street, NE | 202-832-1495

Marshall Heights Community Development Organization
3939 Benning Road, NE | 202-396-1200

Mi Casa
6230 3rd Street, NW, Suite 2 | 202-722-7423

United Planning Organization (UPO)
2907 Martin Luther King Jr., Ave., SE | 202-562-3800

University Legal Services, Inc.
1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE | 202-889-2196

University Legal Services, Inc.
3939 Benning Road, NE | 202-650-5631

University Legal Services, Inc.
220 "I" Street, NE # 130 | 202-547-4747

FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT:

ARCH Development Corporation
1227 Good Hope Road, SE | 202-365-5586

Barrows Row MainStreets, Inc.
733 ½ 8th Street, SE | 202-544-3188

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Hello Stakeholders, Partners and Residents,

I am elated to join Mayor Bowser's administration as Director of the DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). I will work tirelessly to make sure the residents of Washington DC, have more affordable housing opportunities and that our small business owners have the necessary resources to be successful.

We cannot progress affordable housing and community development in the city alone, our sister agencies and partners will be instrumental in moving forward. DHCD works with Community Based Non-Profit Organizations (CBOs) throughout the city who serve as ambassadors of our housing and community development programs. The listing of the 2015 CBOs providing housing counseling, small business technical assistance and façade improvements can be found in the left margin.

The city is in the midst of a homelessness crisis and DHCD has signed on to work with our partners and the Bowser administration to remedy homelessness in DC. Providing housing opportunities for the homeless population is one of our top priorities and we will do our very best to assist with taking individuals from homelessness to housing.

I am very excited to be a part of the new leadership in this great city. I look forward to pursuing the challenges ahead of us with confidence and conviction.

Polly Donaldson
Director

DHCD AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRIORITIES

DHCD is committed to working with our partners, and other housing agencies to execute its housing priorities and combating the homelessness crisis. Below is a listing of the agency's top housing priorities.

- 1. Develop a coordinated housing strategy plan among D.C. housing agencies.** We will recast the "10 x 20" production goal to exceed the Comprehensive Housing Strategy Task Force's recommendation of 10,000 affordable units by 2020. We anticipate increasing the production and preservation goals significantly across all income segments, especially housing for those ranging from zero to 60% area median income (AMI). The success of our plan will rest on our ability to consolidate tracking efforts with the Office of the Chief Technology Officer, the agency currently managing the Affordable Housing Database, and using that data to measure our success in building more affordable housing.
- 2. Increase funding for affordable housing.** Mayor Bowser pledges to dedicate \$100 million to the Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF) in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 budget and to produce a five year financial plan to ensure this base level funding is included in the budget going forward (from 2017 to 2021). DHCD will work closely with the DC Housing Authority and other partner agencies to make sure the Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP) budget request aligns with HPTF funding. This will insure that resources are deployed in a streamlined manner through the Consolidated Request for Proposals

(RFP), managed by DHCD, for producing housing for under 30% AMI.

- 3. Establish clear priorities for the Housing Production Trust Fund and ensure an efficient and effective competitive bid process.** We are fortunate in the District to have the consensus and political support of our ongoing local investment in the HPTF. Discussions to coordinate priorities and process for funding affordable housing with other agencies have already begun, convened by Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) and DHCD, in preparation for the next consolidated Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA) to be issued by DHCD this spring. As part of preparing the NOFA, we are strategically targeting specific populations, locations, and housing types, such as: Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals, Transit Oriented Development, Senior Housing, and key preservation projects and identifying funds available for those priorities.
- 4. Engage in strategic planning around homelessness.** DHCD is an active participant in the DC Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH). The ICH is in the final stages of developing its next five year Strategic Plan to End Homelessness. In the next month, DHCD will review, revise, adopt, and implement the ICH Strategic Plan with a corresponding investment strategy. In addition, DHCD will use the NOFA process to achieve outcomes associated with the strategic plan, such as production of Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Flow Housing units.

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DHCD IS GEARING UP FOR 2015 OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENTS

DHCD is ready for a **FRESH START** and our Office of Communications and Community Outreach has begun **BRAINSTORMING** a variety of exciting ideas to better **ENGAGE** stakeholders to **SHARE** new initiatives, and stay abreast of the **HOUSING CONCERNS** and **NEEDS** throughout the city.

During **2015** we aim to have major **TOWN HALLS** and community **FORUMS** for **RESIDENTS**, community **LEADERS** and **SMALL BUSINESS** owners. In addition to our annual **ROBUST OUTREACH** and events calendar; please **STAY TUNED** for future events or visit our website www.dhcd.dc.gov for regular updates.

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Façade Improvement | Small Business Assistance | Housing Counseling | Home Purchase Assistance | Lead Safe Washington | Single Family Residential Rehab



Development Finance | Property Acquisition | Inclusionary Zoning | Rental Accommodation | Rental Conversion and Sale | Housing Resource Center



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